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DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENT

2-30 (Cancelled).

31. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a signal in a system comprising a transmitter station and a receiver station, said method comprising the steps of:

inputting said signal to said transmitter station, a portion of said signal causing a receiver station to gather statistics on programming availability, use or usage, said signal including a first identifier; and

inputting a transmission schedule associated with said signal, said signal including a first identifier; said schedule including a second identifier, and at least one of:

- (1) a time at which to transmit said signal; and
- (2) at least one of a frequency and an output network on which to transmit said signal;

automatically comparing using a processor at said transmitter station said first identifier and said second identifier;

transmitting said signal to said receiver station according to said schedule based on said step of automatically comparing and said schedule;

selecting [[a]] said portion of said signal at said receiver station; and
inputting said selected portion of said signal to a processor for at said receiver station, said processor at said receiver station controlling gathering statistics on programming availability, use or usage.

32-235 (Cancelled).

236. The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of storing said selected portion of said signal.

237. The method of claim 31, wherein said selected portion of said signal includes said first identifier.

238-303 (Cancelled).